

## Mysterious Effort Is Made to Plunder Prendergast's Safe

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tant Papers With Him;  
Office Desks Search

An effort to rob the private safe of William A. Prendergast, chairman of the Public Service Commission, in his office on the twentieth floor of the Hudson Terminal Building, 30 Church Street, was made Tuesday night, it became known yesterday. Marks of a Jimmy and chips of enamel broken from the safe were found by a stenographer when she came to work Wednesday morning.

Chairman Prendergast went to Albany Tuesday to attend the session of the commission there. Wednesday and took with him important papers generally kept in the safe. He has not returned and it is not known definitely whether anything was taken from the safe. Drawers of two desks in the Commissioner's office were forced open, his own personal desk and that of his stenographer. Nothing was taken from the desks. It is presumed the thieves sought the combination of the safe, but not finding it, resorted to the Jimmy.

The safe is a small one, with Chairman Prendergast's name on the door. The police made copies of fingerprints found on the door and with officials of the building and of the commission are trying to solve the mystery. The fact that there had been a mysterious intruder in the commission's office was reported to the officials of the building an dthe police on the arrival of John J. Hubbard, assistant secretary of the commission, in charge of the New York office.

Now the intruder or intruders get into the office is a mystery. Every one entering the building in the evening is required to register with the night watchman. Cleaners and other employees were questioned, but were absolved from suspicion. Assistant Secretary Hubbard said that apparently the would-be burglars had been scared away.

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Svea Hanson Gives Recital  
Scandinavian Numbers Make  
Up Mezzo-Soprano Program

An interesting, largely Scandinavian program was sung by Svea Hanson, mezzo-soprano, last night at Aeolian Hall, with Gustaf Hag's arrangement of five Swedish folk songs and modern Scandinavian songs by Björnson, Sibelius and Grieg, besides a modern French group and numbers in English by Novello, Ganz, Hammond and Tchaikoff. Miss Hanson gave a pleasing impression, being especially successful in the Scandinavian numbers. Her voice was smooth in tone, except for some hardness in the middle range, and a richness in shading and expression, which won a warm reception from a fair-sized audience. Gustave Ferrari was the accompanist.

Meanwhile at the Town Hall Rudolf Jung, "The Swiss tenor," accompanied by Marcel Van Gool, sang the narration from "Tannhäuser." Brahms's "Gipsy Songs and French, English and American numbers. He sang with gusto, with vociferous high notes, evidently enjoyed by a considerable audience.

### The Stage Door

Womans' Club will present the French Opera House by Alvin Miller at the Booth Theatre on Monday evening, March 10. P. Haggie, Alexandra Carlisle, Ferdinand Gottschalk, Gilbert Emery, Leon Feuerstein, Leslie Howard and Fledga in concert are in the cast.

The Deluge will close its engagement at the Plymouth Theater tomorrow evening.

The Singers have placed Marjorie Rambeau under contract and will present her in a concert organized by the French Opera House by Alvin Miller at the Unger Street Waller will direct the production, which will open in Baltimore March 10.

Mabel Wetherbee has been engaged for the role of Mimi in "The Bohème" which comes to the Century Theatre on Wednesday evening next. She will appear in the role for the first time to-night at Hartford.

Hugh Rossenbach, general manager of the Hotel Astor, has invited to George G. Shur, retiring producer-director of the Rivoli, Radio and Criterion the stars.

Grace George has arranged such Paul Draper to take over the English rights of "The Scarlet Letter" at the Forty-eighth Street Theatre, and will be associated with Basil Dean in the London production.

Carrie Coonley will have the leading character part with Grace George in "The Scarlet Letter." Both will be seen on the first time at Atlanta City on March 10.

John Cheever will be at the Winter Garden next week. Bert Milner's band will be here for a second week.

John Hillis will appear in "The Devil's Disciple" at the Casino next week.

George Lippard, 100-year-old stage veteran, will be a three-act guest again January 10th, 1922, with his famous "A Christmas Carol."

As investigations have been started, Detective Captain W. H. Jackson has been assigned to the case by the Police Department.

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